IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Giuseppe CAPUTO : Confirmation No: 5913 Serial No.: 10/568,159 : Group Art Unit: 1626

Filed: Feb 13, 2006 : Examiner: CHU, Yong Liang

CYANIN-TYPE COMPOUNDS HAVING AN ALKYNYL LINKER ARM

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE, WITH PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

VIA EFS WEB

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action dated January 17, 2008 please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks.

A three month extension of time for filing this Response is hereby requested. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3), the \$525.00 small entity fee is attached hereto.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.